

Beach and Ocean Activities

Just because summer has ended doesn't mean you can't have a day at the beach anyway! Use your imagination and create your own fun ocean and beach projects.

A Day at the Beach

Gather together baby food jars with the lids, sand, little rocks and a colorful variety of shells. You can make your own beach by filling the jars with sand and then arrange the rocks and shells around on the sand. If you're using a larger size baby food jar, also add little umbrellas. Cut a small piece of fabric for a beach towel. Screw the jar lid on tightly. Use your imagination and create a colorful beach scene to enjoy anytime.

Make an Octopus

You'll need construction paper, tape, scissors, circle stickers. Draw seven 5.5 inch lines lengthwise on a 9x12 in. piece of construction paper. Cut along the lines the make octopus arms. Roll the paper into a tube and tape together, but leave the arms free. Put the circle stickers on the octopus face for eyes and bend the arms upward.

Fishy Art

You'll need a variety of fish themed food, such as goldfish crackers, whales, gummy fish, sharks etc., as well as, tissue paper, blue construction paper, glue and water. Draw a bunch of sea animals on the paper and then cut strips from the tissue paper to make seaweed, gluing them onto the paper. Now, take the fishy food and glue them around the paper to create a yummy ocean scene, but remember, don't eat your artwork!

Your Own Sand Castle

To make sand dough you'll need 1 cup of cornstarch, 2 cups of fine grain sand and 1.5 cups of cold water. You might want to use an old pan that you aren't going to cook in again. Mix the ingredients together, stirring for about 8 minutes until the stuff thickens. Let it cool and put into a plastic container until you're ready to create. Put a small bit of the sand dough on a paper plate along with a variety of shells, rocks, beads, grasses, small action figures, etc. Use your imagination and be as creative as you can.

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